

SPACIOUS SANCTUARY?—The chapel at Camp LBJ probably can't compare with the beauty of many churches in the States, but it's a welcome sight for men returning from battle.



WORSHIP IN THE FIELD—In South Vietnam, a chaplain holds services in the field where he can find his men. A soldier cannot always go to church, but the church can come to him.

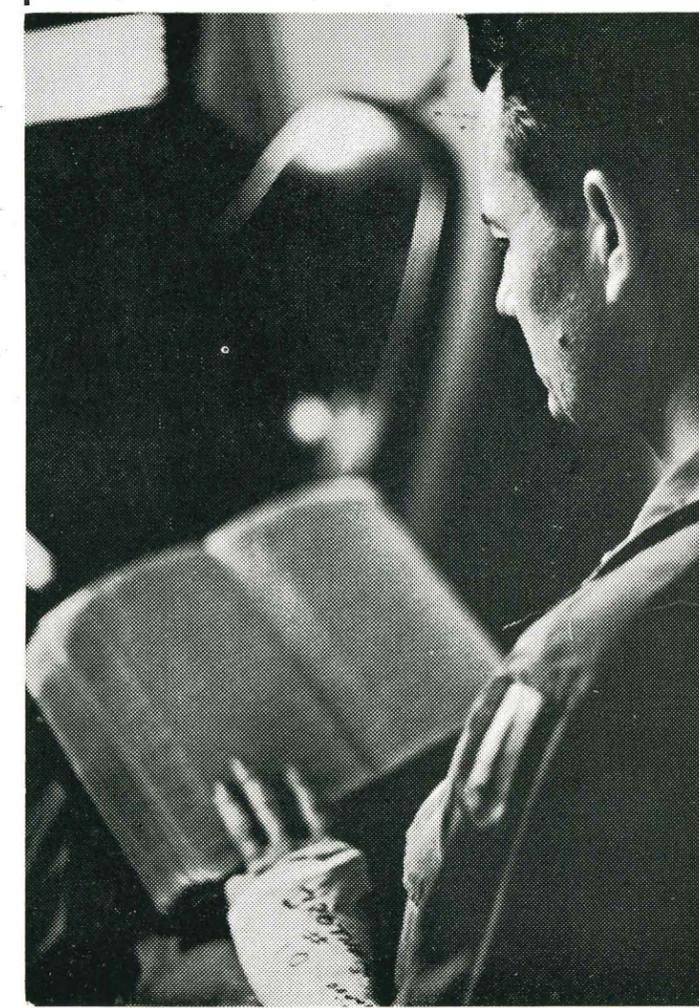
ARMY CHAPEL—Chaplain Graham conducts the services for Protestants each Sunday morning in this chapel at Camp LBJ. Catholics use the chapel the same day at a different hour.



Southern Baptist Chaplain Lawrence Graham finds South Vietnam a challenging place for ministering to human need. He is stationed at Camp Long Binh Junction near Saigon, the home of the 90th Replacement Battalion, which processes thousands of replacement troops into Vietnam each month and then sends thousands of war-weary soldiers home. In spite of the impossible nature of his job (10,000 to 16,000 different men pass through Camp LBJ each month), Chaplain Graham

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approaches his task with typical Baptist enthusiasm. While preaching to his men during a recent worship service, he pounded his homemade pulpit so hard that the knuckles in his left hand were broken (see photo below). He was so engrossed in his sermon that he didn't feel the pain until after the service. A graduate of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Graham served as a Baptist pastor in that state before entering the Army Chaplaincy.





GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JOHN E. ENGEL, a graduate of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, was ordained to the ministry March 17 by Young Grove Baptist Church, Dewitt, Kentucky. Gilbert Harmon is pastor of the Young Grove congregation.

MORE THAN 1,000 PERSONS professed faith in Christ during a Baptist evangelistic campaign held in the state of Guerrero, Mexico, in January, reports Southern Baptist missionaries.

W. C. BOONE, former executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been hospitalized at Madison County Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee, because of a heart ailment. At last report, he was responding well to treatment and was making good progress toward recovery.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of the Westport, Kentucky, Baptist Church led that congregation in a youth revival March 8, 9 and 10. One person made a profession of faith, and two rededications were recorded. A total of 15 intermediates and 13 young people participated in Westport's youth week March 3-10. James W. Clapp is pastor of that congregation.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for the new educational building of the Fleming, Kentucky, Baptist Church were held during February with Pastor James Raymond Ray in charge. Others participating were J. W. Lester, of Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville; Claude Brown, John Smith, James Caudle, Charles Stollard and Kenneth Gooch.

SERIOUS CRIME in the United States increased 16% during 1967 when compared with 1966 figures, according to the FBI at Washington, D. C.

MEMBERS of First Baptist Church, South Shore, Kentucky, had a note-burning service recently to signify the payment of all indebtedness on its church building, which was completed in 1960. Elmer A. Wiley is pastor of the congregation.

MISS MARY SAMPSON, a native of Louisville, returned to Taiwan last month after a four-month leave in the States, due to illness in her family. She was secretary for Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville before appointment as an SBC missionary in 1945.

THE SIMULTANEOUS evangelistic campaign now underway in Italy is the most concerted evangelistic effort Italian Baptists have ever made. It started March 4 and will continue until April 7.

HAROLD G. SANDERS, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, delivered a Founders' Day address on "The Church College in the New Age" at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri, March 19. An alumnus of the school, he was presented its life service award in 1962.

THE ANNUAL religious education emphasis week at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, is scheduled for April 1-3. New methods of teaching and their use in religious education will be explored.

MELVIN E. TORSTRICK, a native of Louisville and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary in



Torstrick

Kentucky, has been appointed a regional representative by the Foreign Mission Board. Making his headquarters in New Orleans, he will work under the supervision of Truman S. Smith, the Foreign Mission Board's associate secretary for missionary personnel for the eastern United States. He and Mrs. Torstrick, also a Louisville native, are former SBC missionaries to Chile.

MISS DOROTHEA LANE, a native of Sturgis, Kentucky, left the States for Japan March 18 following furlough in this country. She has served as a missionary to Japan since 1951.

G. PAUL HAMM, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rancho Gordova, California, was elected librarian at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Mill Valley, California, during the recent meeting of the board of trustees of that institution.

HOMER CARTER, pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, will be the preacher in a Good Friday service, April 12, in the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in St. Louis. The service is sponsored by the Kirkwood area ministerial alliance and is meeting by invitation in the Catholic church. Carter served formerly as a pastor in Lexington.

WESLEY O. HANSON, pastor of the Hartford, Kentucky, Baptist Church, will conduct a series of pre-Easter services at a theatre in Hartford April 8-12. This is the fourth year he has conducted such Easter services.

TOTAL ENROLMENT in the Brotherhood programs of Baptist churches in Kentucky increased from 17,338 to 17,460 during the last church year, according to figures released by the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville. The largest increase was in Royal Ambassador work, said Forrest R. Sawyer, secretary of the Brotherhood department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

JAMES L. PLEITZ, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, will receive an honorary D.D. degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, this May. He is chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

LEWIS W. NEWMAN, director of business services for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, has been named professor of religion at the University of Corpus Christi, Texas.

LEON McBETH, professor at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has received a \$3,500 grant from the American Association of Theological Schools for study at Union Theological Seminary, New York, during his sabbatical leave next year.

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Southern Baptists Face the Challenge of Change

by WAYNE DEHONEY

In Washington's Smithsonian Institute are the fossilized remains of an American Triceratops. This prehistoric creature is now extinct because it was unable to adapt to a changing world.

Like the Triceratops, Southern Baptists face a rapidly changing environment. The survival of our witness depends upon our sensitivity and our ability to respond to change with the enduring Christian truth.

What are the characteristics of our changing environment?

One is a growing awareness of the common ground among all Christians. Believers in Christ are hungry for fellowship. Ours is an ecumenical age. But we have a problem—actually of semantics. One group means by "ecumenical"—fellowship, unity of purpose, cooperative efforts between fellow believers. But another hard core group thinks of ecumenicity only in terms of organic union, a monolithic organizational structure, a super-Protestant church, or even absorption of all churches and denominations into the Catholic Church.

At this point, I think Baptists are obligated to become involved to give the movement direction. We should clearly define the distinction between unity and union, between cooperation and merger. We should also share our historical demonstration of a **true ecumenicity**, that of cooperation without union. The Southern Baptist Convention, as the largest evangelical denomination in the United States and the largest free church group in the world, unites in cooperation 33,000 independent churches. Without an ecclesiastical superstructure, we have preserved individual identity, responsibility and initiative. Let us quit being afraid of the words "ecumenical" and "councils" and cooperative efforts" among other churches and get involved and demonstrate to other Christian churches a workable "ecumenicity of cooperation" without organic union based upon our experience as independent Baptist churches.

Another characteristic of our day is an awareness that we must make our faith relevant to human needs. The Bible says that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light. Unfortunately too often the children of this world are also more concerned about prejudice, racial injustice, poverty, war, drug addiction, etc. than the children of light. It is time we quit beating the dead horse of the "social gospel." There is but **one** gospel! But that gospel is an incomplete gospel unless it expresses itself in social concern and compassion for the needs of the whole man.

A third characteristic of our day is a crisis in the inner city! Urbanization has bred crime on the streets and produced vast ghettos in the inner city of people who are socially and economically deprived. Churches have tended to abandon the inner city and its people. Our problem now is how to get the material and leadership resources of the suburbs matched against the needs of the inner city. Our downtown churches are fighting a desperate battle to stay alive. But with our emphasis on the autonomy and independence of the local church, the suburban churches too often could care less about what happens to the downtown church. The day has come for genuine Christian and creative cooperation as the suburban churches ally themselves with the downtown churches to maintain a strong Christian witness in the inner city.

Another characteristic of our day is a great hunger for biblical authority in Christian faith and practice. In the Catholic Church as well as in Protestant



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circles there is a re-emphasis on biblical theology. This is a day in which we should seek as never before to understand the Bible, interpret what it means and declare it with authority to the world.

Another characteristic of this age is a personal quest for an experiential faith. Men are not satisfied with an empty traditional or cultural faith. The "underground church" is growing where believers in the sacramental faiths are gathering together outside the institutional church to talk about the realities of personal faith. Baptists have a unique witness with our emphasis upon the competence and the responsibility of the individual in spiritual matters. We believe that volitional, personal, responsible repentance and faith are sole conditions of salvation.

There is also another significant change, a rising tide of evangelism throughout the world. For instance, there is the spiritual phenomena in Brazil, where 250,000 church members experienced a revival that produced

100,000 professions of faith. Out of Brazil has come the Crusade of the Americas, the greatest evangelistic enterprise in human history. More than 18 million Baptists in the Western Hemisphere in 100,000 churches in 28 countries have united in a gigantic four-year program of Bible teaching, Christian witnessing, revivals and evangelism and the nurturing and training of church members.

This outbreak of evangelism is not unique to the Americas. There is also a corresponding indigenous Crusade of Europe and a Crusade of Asia. There are reports from Indonesia of thousands of conversions in revivals among the churches there. It has been estimated that one out of every 10 persons in Indonesia is now a professing Christian. By God's grace, Indonesia could become the Christian giant of the Orient. Reports of simultaneous evangelistic crusades in West Africa and East Africa portend a great spiritual awakening.

Finally, I seem to discern a sober and serious mood—especially among young people. It is characterized by a search for meaningful relationships in an empty world. On every hand men encounter hopeless situations and an attitude of despair. We are bogged down in a tragic war in Vietnam. We wonder whether Korea or the Middle East or Thailand will escalate into another such hopeless impasse?

In the meantime, scientism is robbing us of a sense of a personal God, materialism is destroying our sense of uniqueness and identity, and affluence is depriving us of a sense of achievement and accomplishment. If I correctly understand the protest movements, the hippies, the draftcards burners, the "love-inners," the "flower people"—these are but trying to express their sense of futility, despair and hopelessness. They are simply acting out what the whole world is feeling in its heart. That life has turned to "ashes in our mouth."

Yet ours is but the eternal frustration of man in every generation. He is separated by his sins from God and living in the hell of his compounded iniquities. The nameless longing of every human heart is the instinctive knowledge that he was made by God, for God, to belong to God, with an unfulfilled destiny of abundant and eternal life as a child of God.

How eloquently relevant is the theme of the Crusade of the Americas, "Christ, the only hope!"

What a day in which to proclaim the glorious good news that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself—be ye reconciled to God!" (II Cor. 5:19, 20).



Kentucky Baptists Owe Much to John Carter

A more determined, tireless and enthusiastic leader than Dr. John Carter has not come across the Kentucky Baptist stage in a long time. The news in this issue that he is leaving the presidency of Campbellsville College to become executive vice-president of the projected Florida Baptist College in West Palm Beach will be both surprising and sad to his many friends among Kentucky Baptists.

John Carter thinks of nothing but success when he takes on a job. This was the case in two churches where he served as pastor: Ninth and O in Louisville and Harrodsburg Baptist. By far the greatest challenge of his ministry, however, came when he went to Campbellsville College. At the time Campbellsville was a struggling junior college just a step or so away from closing. In the 20 years since then, it has become an accredited senior college with more than a thousand students enrolled. The credit for Campbellsville College today belongs to John Carter more than anyone else.

Nothing less than his aggressive leadership could have succeeded. His imaginative and daring ideas didn't all work out but enough did to keep the college going and growing. He didn't hesitate to fight when he had to in order to get what he wanted, and he usually won.

Two examples will not be forgotten soon. When he wanted to make Campbellsville a senior college in 1957, he purposefully circumvented the Kentucky Baptist Convention Education Commission because he felt this group would not approve his recommendation. He took his case directly to the convention messengers and won hands down. He was one of the main leaders in the fight in 1958 to kill the survey recommendations presented to the convention which would have made one big Baptist school in Kentucky and made branch schools out of the others, including Campbellsville. Again he won easily.

John Carter has one speed and that is wide open. Whether it is promoting a project for his college or catching bass on Cumberland Lake, the one word which describes his approach is "aggressive." He can wear down three good men in one day's fishing. I know because I have been one of these men.

Kentucky Baptists haven't produced a more successful preacher and denominational leader in this generation than John Carter. He has left an indelible mark on Kentucky Baptist life.

He will have the best wishes of all of us in his new venture, and he will doubtlessly need them along with many prayers. He is bound to know more about what he is taking on than those of us who are mere observers, but it is hard to see his decision as a wise one.

The Florida school project has been off and on for several years and doesn't now appear to have strong support among Florida Baptists as a whole. Considering the money required to get a quality college going, this will be a challenge for John Carter which will dwarf his Campbellsville project.

The experience of the other new Baptist colleges at Louisville, Houston, Mobile, Charleston and Atlanta would discourage rather than encourage the West Palm Beach project. Let us thank God for John Carter's ministry in Kentucky and commend him to our Florida brethren as he undertakes the most difficult task of his entire life.

A Change for the WMU

Whoever said the Woman's Missionary Union is bound by tradition and inflexible so far as changes are concerned? Nothing could be further from the truth.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union are due congratulations and commendation. They have been out ahead of the rest of us in most of modern Southern Baptist history, and they will likely stay ahead for years to come.

The latest sign of their progress is the major overhauling of the organizational structure of Woman's Missionary Union. The present plan is being replaced with a simple and flexible plan which can be adapted to any size church.

Most of us are not familiar enough with the inner workings of Woman's Missionary Union to know how much this change is needed. From appearances it seems the ladies have done extremely well with their present organizational plan. However, we can be certain that if the ladies have decided another plan of approach to their work would be better, they know what they are doing.

Every contact with and observation of our Southern Baptists' Woman's Missionary Union leadership

make a strong impression that they have not only deep commitment but unusual ability. In any group of SBC or world Baptist leaders, these ladies not only hold their own but often tower over other leadership.

In devising a new organizational plan adapted for the needs of modern Baptist women, Woman's Missionary Union is showing the way. The hardest thing to accept is change, but those who refuse to recognize

change and those who resist change will not minister effectively in this age.

Change for the sake of change is never in order, and we can be sure no desire for novelty motivated the Woman's Missionary Union ladies. They simply recognized the need for overhauling their organization and proceeded to do the job. Other Baptist organizations could well follow the example of these ladies.

BAPTIST FORUM



Grace and Graces

Dear Editor:

I have thoroughly enjoyed the study in Hebrews. Restudy of this great book has brought refreshing memories of seminary days with the wonderful privilege of studying it under the great teacher and scholar, Dr. A. T. Robertson. Scripture can be multiplied over and over again teaching the preservation of the saints and the eternal security of all believers. I have never believed or preached anything else and I must testify to the fact that this belief was supported and strengthened by studying Hebrews under Dr. Robertson. Never did he teach or express anything contrary to this.

He was strong, however, in trying to lead his students to "grow in grace" and he had little patience with or tolerance for satisfied, complacent immaturity.

My humble opinion is that it would be far more profitable to "study to show one's self approved" than to continue arguing on points made clear to real Bible students long ago.

The great teaching of assurance was never meant to be consoling to those in sin or conducive to Christian people to live a worldly watered-down type of life. No straying Christian is ever an example of what God's grace can do.

In other words, I am interested in grace but I am also interested in developing the graces. Some who cry loud and long about grace show forth none of the graces such as love, forgiveness, joy, patience and practical faith.

Georgetown, Ky. George Nathan Smith

Is Jesus God?

Dear Editor:

The splendid article on the virgin birth by O. W. Yates in the *Western Recorder* of February 29 is concise in words and simple in faith.

He gives all the arguments, pro and con, with Bible references and the historical beliefs of the Jews concerning marriage, the genealogical data for both

Mary and Joseph; closing with the powerful conclusion of his article: "The objectors do not give scriptural citations to prove their contentions, but their argument is 'I feel' or 'I think.' This is not convincing nor does it carry any weight. The question is 'Is Jesus God?' If not, the best we have is humanity at its finest; a little bit better than anyone else."

Then Dr. Yates' final words: "Our salvation depends upon this Divine act of God that does not submit itself to our detached analysis."

So there it is: "Is Jesus God." Yes, Dr. Yates states simply. "Our salvation depends upon this Divine act of God."

Mrs. Leland W. Meyer
Georgetown, Ky.

Only One Way for Salvation

Dear Editor:

In the March 14 edition of the *Western Recorder* there is an article entitled, "Some Students Do Lose Faith," in which Professor Harold S. Songer makes this statement: Protector of the Doctrine: "This student is so threatened by the new insights and questions that come from critical theological study that he decides there is only one way of salvation."

I am sure Jesus was not mistaken when He said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Wilmore, Ky. Mrs. Ida A. Barker

Carey Cottage Scheduled for Demolition

The cottage in Harvey-lane, Leicester, England, which once served as a parsonage for William Carey, pioneer of modern missions, has been sold by the British Baptist Missionary Society under a compulsory purchase order.

An area redevelopment project acquired the house for £3,000 (\$7,200). It will be torn down.

A group of Leicester businessmen bought the house for the missionary

Laymen Should Serve, Too

Dear Editor:

After a lot of prayerful thought I feel compelled to write this letter.

I feel we have too few outstanding, capable laymen serving our Kentucky Baptist Convention. The leadership of our convention from top to bottom is top-heavy with ministers. I believe that the laymen should share in this leadership, thus giving the pastors more time for pastoral duties. I am not saying that the positions of leadership change overnight, but let laymen share in this endeavor. When one leaves the state it doesn't take long to find out that our convention is called, "A Preacher's Convention," which is rightfully so. I do not advocate a "quota" of ministers and laymen on committees, agencies and boards either appointed or elected.

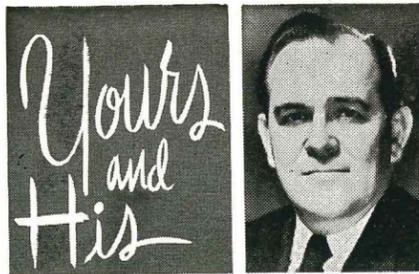
I would hope and pray that an orderly change will come about because "The natives are restless," meaning the laymen. Some of us feel that we are, so to speak, footing the bill and not getting a fair say in the operation of the convention.

Ministers, I am not picking on you who serve in leadership positions nor am I saying you should be replaced because you are a minister.

I want it understood that I am not campaigning for an elected or appointed convention office; I am a member of the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

What I am suggesting is that we share in this monumental task of leadership and walk side by side in love and concern for a lost world and share the Good News of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This should be our major concern.

Brandenburg, Ky. Kenneth E. Curry



Youth Nights Very Soon

The two (2) Kentucky Baptist Youth Nights are just two weeks away! Instead of one meeting, we are scheduling two big meetings—Thursday, April 18, Owensboro Sportscenter, Owensboro, at 7:00 (8,000 seats); and Friday, April 19, Alumni Coliseum, EKU, Richmond, at 7:00 (9,000 seats). It's during KEA, and most schools are out. So, right now is the time to get your youth ready to attend one in the west or the east. This promises to be two of the finest ever held.

Same Program Both Nights

The same basic program will be given at both Owensboro and Richmond: combined youth choirs; BSU choirs singing "Good News: A Christian Folk Musical"; Kenneth Chafin, preaching; President Eldred M. Taylor, presiding.

There will be different youth reading the scripture and praying: at Owensboro, Ben Baker, defensive middle guard, U. of L. Cardinals football team, ministerial student. At Richmond, Willie "Hobo" Jackson, basketball star center, Morehead Eagles, outstanding Baptist, and former high school All American. Also, prayers by different leaders.

Great Music Leaders

Don Blaylock, minister of music at Buechel Park Church, who led in the premiere of "Good News" at Glorieta last summer, and again at the state BSU Convention, will direct "Good News." J. Chester Durham is coordinator of BSU choirs.

Jim Jones, music professor at Western Kentucky University, former minister of music at First Church, Bowling Green, will direct the Youth Choirs. Eugene F. Quinn is coordinator.

So, get them ready. And come, too.

April 21—Cooperative Program Day

Was there ever such a time to think and pray about world missions as today? Every church should observe Cooperative Program Day, April 21. Every pastor could preach on the Great Commission and how Baptists carry it out. That's the Cooperative Program.

Harold G. Sanders

Baptist Editor Urges Christians To Participate in Political Matters

The editor of the *Baptist Courier* of South Carolina, John E. Roberts, has urged every Christian to become more involved in politics during 1968, an election year.

Admonishing ministers to encourage political concern and action, Roberts observed that "one of the great needs of our country is for good people to become more actively engaged in politics."

"This is true," he wrote in an editorial, "all the way from the lowest local office to the highest post in the land. The local school board, the sheriff's office, the various positions in town and country government should be sought by people of religious orientation and Christian commitment."

"No arguments, please, about politics being a dirty game and therefore something from which nice people should keep a safe distance," wrote Roberts in his editorial.

"If it is dirty, and to whatever degree, it is so by default of responsible Christian citizens who have yielded it up to the unscrupulous. The caliber of politics is determined not by the candi-

dates for office, but the voters. The quality of government is a reflection of the electorate more than of the office holder."

Observing that election year is not the only time that Christian citizens should be aroused to the problems and opportunities of government, Roberts did not, however, express any political viewpoint concerning the 1968 presidential election or any other specific election.

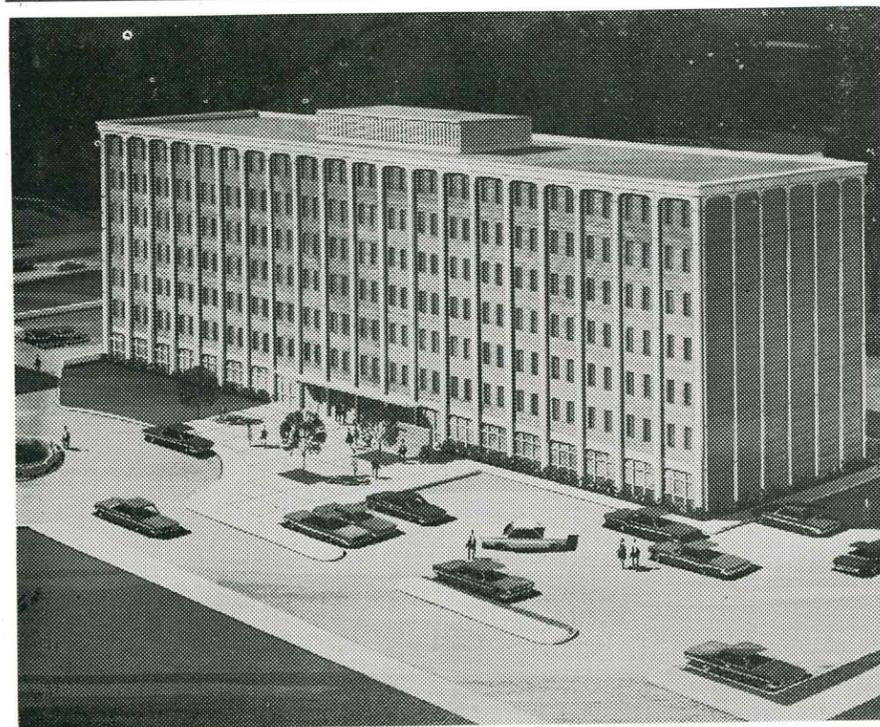
He did state that "the crisis of war should prompt added concern."

Roberts cautioned against the church becoming a lobbying force, and against attempting anything comparable to a bloc vote.

"It is an obligation of the church, however, to make its members aware of their responsibility as individual citizens," Roberts wrote.

"Any nation faces tragedy of epic proportions when good men do nothing," he observed. "Christianity gives meaning to life, and democratic government is based on individual responsibility."

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Home Mission Board to Move

The Board of directors of the SBC Home Mission Board approved a recommendation that the mission agency lease this near-completed, seven-story building on the fringe of downtown Atlanta. A 10-year lease has been signed, with option to purchase for about \$1,800,000 in three years. Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge said need for the move was due to a fast-expanding staff, which has grown from 40 to 78 since 1960. The new building will provide 40,000 more square feet of office space for the SBC agency.

Federal Education Act Challenged in U. S. Court Case

by W. BARRY GARRETT

The U. S. Supreme Court heard arguments on what some observers predict could be a "landmark case" affecting future church-state relations in America.

The case known as *Flast v. Gardner* challenges the constitutionality of the way certain provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is administered in the state of New York.

A group of citizens in New York brought suit challenging the use of federal funds for programs and services in religiously-operated schools. At issue are guidance services and instruction in reading, writing and other subjects. Included are the purchase with federal funds of textbooks and other instructional materials in such schools.

A three-judge New York district ruled (2-1) that those bringing the suit had no legal standing to bring the case. The question was appealed to the Supreme Court.

Agreement was reached on both sides of the controversy that the sole issue to be decided at this time was whether or not citizens and taxpayers have a right in federal courts to challenge laws on the ground that they violate the First Amendment.

Leo Pfeffer, noted church-state constitutional lawyer, argued that the courts should give "standing to sue" to citizens in such cases.

Erwin E. Griswold, U. S. solicitor-general and former dean of Harvard Law School, argued the government's position against the New York taxpayers.

Each side was given one hour to present arguments. Pfeffer shared 10 minutes of his time with Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N. C.), who represented the Baptist General Association of Virginia and Americans for Public Schools.

Both Pfeffer and Griswold in their opposing arguments agreed that the

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 was constitutional on its face. The challenge by Pfeffer was that the state of New York unconstitutionally used the federal funds for educational purposes in parochial schools.

Pfeffer and Ervin argued that if the Supreme Court did not allow standing to sue in this case, there is no other remedy for testing the constitutionality of federal expenditures.

Some Washington observers pointed out later that this was a strange argument by Ervin because he is pushing a Judicial Review Bill in Congress in an attempt to force the court to hear such cases.

Griswold on the other hand argued that the present court policy of refusing taxpayers' suits is valid and that there are other adequate ways of testing such cases through state court actions.

At the time the Supreme Court was hearing the case on standing to sue, the House Judiciary Committee was con-

ducting hearings on Ervin's Judicial Review bill which has already passed the Senate.

Ervin, in his Amicus brief, virtually conceded that his bill has little or no chance of passage in the house. He said:

"The inability of Congress to overrule the *Frothingham* precedent means that, as a practical matter, the only foreseeable opportunity for judicial consideration of the First Amendment questions in federal aid to church-related schools lies before the court in this case."

"The legislative action," Ervin continued, "was initiated because of the previous reluctance of this court to reverse or clarify its own rule of decision. The failure to enact repealing legislation means that the obligation once again is placed solely on this court."

An announcement of its decision in the *Flast* case will probably be made by the Supreme Court by the time it adjourns this summer. (BP)

First State Chaplaincy Director Appointed; Will Serve in Arkansas

The chaplaincy ministries of Southern Baptists reached a new benchmark in March with the appointment of the convention's first state-level director of chaplaincy.

R. H. Dorris of Little Rock, Arkansas, was approved by the SBC Home Mission Board for appointment as director of chaplaincy ministries for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention—the first such cooperative position with Southern Baptists' 30 state conventions.

Dorris, a former U. S. Army Chaplain, currently is pastor of Pike Avenue Baptist Church in North Little Rock and part-time chaplain at a Veterans Ad-

ministration hospital.

He will seek to establish chaplaincy programs in hospitals and other institutions and in industry, and will encourage churches to find ways of ministering to military personnel.

Primary emphasis will be given to a relatively new area of Baptist concern—industrial chaplaincy.

Efforts at industrial chaplaincy emphasize a firm's responsibility in the matter of employee welfare, encouraging companies to hire chaplains rather than placing church-employed ministers in industry.

Dorris, for example, as does Lowell Sodeman, secretary of industrial chaplaincy at the Home Mission Board, will try to sell industry on the idea of hiring chaplains, and then hopefully will have the opportunity of placing a qualified Baptist minister in the position.

"The chaplain is a symbol of the regard management has for human and spiritual values," Sodeman said.

Sodeman said 94 Arkansas industrial and business leaders and 106 ministers met to launch this new ministry in conferences sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Arkansas Baptist missions department.

Sodeman emphasized that the industrial chaplain does not attempt to play the role of physician or psychiatrist, but instead makes referral a part of his ministry.

Counseling is the major part of the industrial chaplain's assignment, he said. (BP)

Anonymous Donor Sends Youth to Berne

At least five young people from the Briggs Memorial Baptist Church at Washington, D. C., will attend the Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28 because somebody made an anonymous gift.

James C. Bruner, pastor, cites the incident as an illustration of the good that can come from a single motivating factor.

Someone in the church—and Bruner says only the treasurer knows who it was—gave \$1,000 to "send some young person to the conference at Berne."

A committee was appointed to select a worthy youth, and the committee decided that two youth could go on the \$1,000 if economical tours were planned.

But three weeks later the committee

chairman, Erle Cocke, announced that the committee was deadlocked on three names and needed an additional \$500 in gifts to cover expenses for the third. The money was in hand the next Sunday.

In the meantime, the excitement has prompted other gifts which are sending a fourth youth. One other young lady has persuaded her parents to supply funds to permit her to join the party, and still another is considering it.

"I am sure that the donor of the original gift must be pleased that the thought has prompted such a chain reaction and so multiplied its effectiveness," Bruner said. "It was a spark that has enlivened our whole youth program for years to come." (BP)

John Carter Accepts Florida Baptist College Position

John Carter has resigned the presidency of Campbellsville College to become executive vice-president of the new Florida Baptist College in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The announcement of the appointment by Jess Moody, chairman of the new school's board of trustees, was accompanied by a statement that the first classes for Florida Baptist College will be held this fall in the facilities of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach.

Carter, who has been president of Campbellsville for more than 20 years, said, "This is the most exciting challenge in higher education that I have ever seen and I want to be a part of it."

Moody stated that a campaign to raise \$400,000 for the college is now underway. "This money will be used for instruction, equipment and for remodeling the existing buildings at the interim campus," he said.

"The college will use the church campus until the new campus in Palm Beach Gardens is ready," Moody stated. "However, we won't build until we have sufficient funds for construction."

Moody told newsmen that the philosophy of the college will be centered around "the three w's"—world, work, witness.

He stated that students will be required to work at least 10 hours a week either on or off campus.

"We are interested in the coordination of the total person," Moody stated. "We will seek poverty pockets in the area and help refurbish these areas. We want

to become a servant institution of our community."

Concerning Carter's appointment, Amos Jackson, chairman of the Palm Beach Development Board, said, "This is a red letter day for Palm Beach County. We look forward to helping you in any way possible in the building of this great college."

Moody reported that the college has already received more than 50 applications from prospective students and faculty members. Enrollment for the first year will be limited to 300 students, he stated.

Agreement has been reached for students to use the facilities and services of the nearby Norton Art Gallery in West Palm Beach, according to Moody.

Carter's administration at Campbellsville College witnessed growth from a student body of 187 to more than a thousand. Under his leadership the school became a fully-accredited four-

year liberal arts college.

Educated at the University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Carter holds the Bachelor of Arts, Master and Doctor of Theology degrees.

The Carter family will move to West Palm Beach "shortly." (BP)

First Church of Newcastle Calls Minister of Music

The First Baptist Church of Newcastle has called its first minister of music.

He is Paul Hammond, a church music student at Southern Seminary in Louisville. A native of Cincinnati, he is a graduate of Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Hammond was minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Morehead while a student in that city.

SBC Documentary Film Cited For Excellence in Photography

"The Vine," Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission documentary on the life of Christ, was proclaimed a winner in photographic excellence at the recent 25th Annual Television Newsfilm Competition in Norman, Oklahoma.

Joseph Vadala of the National Broad-

casting Co., director of photography for the hour-long color production, will receive the third-place award.

A panel of five experts judged this year's newsfilm competition, which is sponsored jointly by the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism and the press photographers association.

When "The Vine" was first telecast by NBC as a special in the spring of 1967, the Radio-TV Commission received more than 8,000 cards and letters of response from viewers across the nation. A second telecast in January, 1968, brought to more than 40,000,000 the estimated number of persons who viewed the production in the United States.

The film has been sold to NBC International for marketing abroad, and broadcasters in Portugal, Australia and Venezuela already have bought it for telecast in their countries. (BP)

SBC Messengers Need Registration Cards

Messengers from churches in Kentucky to the 1968 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention must have an official registration card certified by their congregations.

Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said churches in the state should order official cards for each of their messengers from his office at the Baptist Building in Middletown.

Messengers must present these cards,

certified by their churches, to the registration desk at the 1968 convention meeting place. Their names will then be placed on the official roll of messengers and they will be issued a badge, which will admit them to all sessions of the convention.

The 1968 session of the SBC will be held June 4-7 at Houston, Texas.

Sanders also reminded Kentucky churches of the constitutional provision concerning the number of messengers to which churches are entitled. This is spelled out in Article III of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

2. One additional messenger for each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).

Hopkinsville Native Goes To Sunday School Board

Joseph S. Mason, a native of Hopkinsville, has been named recreational administration consultant in the church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.



Mason

Mason has served for the past six years as minister of recreation and youth at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. He has also served in a similar capacity with Maplewood Baptist Church of St. Louis and Highland Baptist Church of Louisville.

TEXAS HOSP. FOUNDER RETIRES

Mrs. Elsie W. Gayer, founder and administrator of the Baptist Memorial Geriatrics Center at San Angelo, Texas, has announced her retirement after 18 years of service. She opened the hospital in 1950. In 1956 it was given debt-free to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Biracial Work Urged in South Carolina

Concern over "the growing racial crisis in the state" has prompted the South Carolina Baptist Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee to urge establishment of a biracial task force in every South Carolina community.

The Baptist committee also endorsed the work of the State Task Force on Community Uplift in calling for "improved communication between the races on the local as well as the statewide level."

"We express our deep concern over the growing racial crisis in our state and nation," declared the statement from the Baptist committee.

The committee urged Baptist people in the state "to support and provide leadership in the efforts being made to establish a biracial task force in each community as a means of making sure that the communities:

"(1) recognize the needs of all segments of its population, (2) identify the trouble centers which might provoke racial disturbance, and (3) initiate the actions needed to show good faith towards the achievement of full opportunities for all citizens."

The South Carolina Baptist Convention's Christian Life and Public Affairs committee also said it was arranging

for a series of regional meetings for leaders of Baptist churches to implement this call and provide a forum for discussion of the issues. (BP)

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U. S. War in Vietnam is Just And Moral, Says Chaplain Kelly

The U. S. Navy Chief of Chaplains, Southern Baptist James Kelly, said at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, that there is a "God-centered morality about our involvement" in the Vietnam war.

Rear Adm. Kelly, speaking to students and faculty, declared that "we are in the right place to preserve peace in the world," and that "the price we are paying for freedom is worth it."

The Baptist chaplain said that in his 26 years in the military community, he had never before seen such a deep religious concern so mature and expressed with such depth as he had on a recent visit to South Vietnam.

"There is a definite search for and expression of a dynamic and vital faith in God," the chaplain said. "It is evident from church attendance, counseling interviews, handshakes, smiles, courage, bravery, good will, loyalty, love and from the experience of people relating to people."

The top Navy chaplain added that "our humanitarian outreach is making great strides," with servicemen building hospitals, children's homes, and helping the victims of the war.

"Man has come face to face with man in his need and has heard his cry for freedom from enslavement, terror, murder and kidnapping," said Admiral Kelly. "Here is where God speaks to man and they hear his voice."

The Navy chaplain observed that the morale of the troops is high, stable and consistent, primarily because of "the fighting man's conviction that what he is doing is crucially important."

"The average young Marine or sailor may not completely see the war as honoring our international commitments or containing militant Communism," he said. "He sees it as defense of an otherwise helpless people from the horrors of Viet Cong terrorism."

"No one needs to tell him about the terrible suffering of the South Vietnamese people at the hand of terrorist gangsters," the chaplain added. "He knows because he sees."

"His perspective also goes a long way toward determining his attitudes toward demonstration and dissent at home. Truth to him is what he sees happening before his eyes."

"He does not always speak kindly of the demonstrators, but because he considers them to be utterly misinformed, neither their actions nor their arguments do more than arouse a passing expression of contempt."

The top Navy chaplain said most servicemen in Vietnam "have heavy hearts when they see the carnage of war. They long for peace. But even at the cost of their lives," he concluded, "they would never abandon a helpless people to the rape and ravage of terror and to the enslavement of ruthless Communism" nor settle for less than a free South Vietnam. (BP)

Greenville Church Adds New Staff Member

Lester Dean Snyder, director of music and education at Grace Baptist Church, Louisville, has been called by Second Baptist Church of Greenville as its first minister of Christian education.

Snyder will assume the Greenville position in May after receiving the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary at Louisville.

A native of Illinois, he is a graduate of the University of Maryland. While in the military service, he was assistant music director of Central Baptist



Snyder

Belmont College Glee Club Sings at Lexington Church

The Belmont College Glee Club, a choral group of 34 male voices, will be presented in concert at Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, on April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Belmont College of Nashville, Tennessee, is a senior, coeducational institution operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Charles W. Holland, pastor of the Porter Memorial Church, said the public is cordially invited to the service of choral music.

Music Ministry Enrolment Surpasses 1,000,000 Mark

Enrolment in the music ministry of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention passed the million mark for the first time during 1967.

Eugene F. Quinn, music secretary in Kentucky, said the total enrolment figure in 1967 was 1,019,130.

"This enrolment includes all music leaders and members of choirs and instrumental groups reported in the annual church letters for 1967," the Kentucky music secretary pointed out.

Church in Naha, Okinawa,

Odell Leigh serves as pastor of Greenville's Second Baptist Church.

Barbourville Mission Pastor Is Ordained to Ministry

Emery G. Kinslow, a student at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, was ordained to the ministry March 17 by the First Baptist Church of Barbourville during the evening worship service.

M. A. Reese, pastor of the Barbourville church, brought the charge to the church and to the candidate.

Kinslow, a native of Barren County, Kentucky, is pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Mission, a work sponsored by Barbourville's First Baptist Church.

Ministers' Wives Conference Scheduled at Evansville

Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital of Evansville, Indiana, is sponsoring its annual institute for ministers' wives this year on Tuesday, April 16.

Conference leader again this year will be Wallace Denton, associate professor of family life and marriage counseling at Purdue University in Indiana.

Chaplain Frederick P. Loman of Welborn Memorial said ministers' wives in Kentucky were invited to attend the annual conference.

Maddox Leaves Kentucky For Pastorate in Missouri

Larry Maddox, pastor of Reidland Baptist Church, Paducah, for the past four years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Maywood Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri, effective April 14.

A native of Centertown, Kentucky, Maddox is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and Southern Seminary at Louisville.

The new Maywood pastor served as moderator of West Union Baptist Association during 1967. Since 1964 he has been a member of the Board of Child Care of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Gardenside, Lexington, Calls New Minister of Music

The new minister of music at Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, is William E. Keith, Jr., a first-year music student at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

A native of Wilmore, Kentucky, Keith earned the A.B. degree in music education at Asbury College in that city.

The pastor of the Gardenside congregation is William E. Miller.



Medical Missions Consultation

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler (right), medical consultant for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, discusses missionary medicine with Dr. Timothy Pennell, of the department of surgery of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Dr. Kathleen Jones, missionary to Indonesia, during a medical mission conference in Richmond, Virginia, March 15-16. Dr. Fowler and Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, head of the medical division of the Board's department for missionary personnel, were coordinators of the conference, which was attended by 135 persons.

SBC Computer Center with State Consoles Suggested

An executive of the Southern Baptist Convention proposed in a speech that Southern Baptists explore the possibility of establishing a computer center with a network of consoles in every state convention and every SBC agency.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee at Nashville, made the suggestion during one of three presentations to the SBC Inter-Agency Council on the use of computers in society today and Southern Baptist life.

McClellan specifically proposed that a study group from the Inter-Agency Council Administrative Committee join with a group of state convention executives "to explore over a long period of time computer possibilities."

Almost immediately after his speech, a motion was made and passed unanimously by the Inter-Agency Council of the SBC asking its chairman, Merrill D. Moore, to appoint such a committee, and its administrative committee to set forth its duties and functions.

McClellan made it clear in his speech that he was not saying that such a Baptist computer center with console units at every SBC agency and state convention should be established, but rather that the possibility should be studied. "This is not a problem that can be faced

in an afternoon of empty-headed brainstorming," he said.

Earlier during the entire morning devoted to computer studies, a Baptist news editor, Jim Newton of Nashville, presented a report on what Southern Baptists are now doing in computer applications.

"Southern Baptist agencies seem to be at least five years, and perhaps in some cases as much as 10 years behind business and industry in computer usage," said Newton, assistant director of the Baptist Press, news service of the SBC.

Only six agencies of the convention are now using computers, Newton said, and most of these are only for accounting functions and subscription fulfillment. Thirteen agencies are not using computers in any way, the report indicated.

Of a total of 23 Baptist state conventions and 23 Baptist state papers replying to a survey, seven conventions and four weekly papers are using computers for accounting and subscription list maintenance, the report indicated.

State conventions using computers for accounting functions include Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Maryland, California, and Hawaii; while state papers using computers include Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and Illinois.

Newton concluded on the basis of his

study that there already is some overlapping at SBC agencies using computers, that there needs to be more correlation among agencies using computers, that there is a general lack of knowledge concerning capabilities of the computer, that some Baptists seem to have a basic fear of the computer, and that professional studies were needed on the feasibility of a computer center.

"Whether Southern Baptists like it or not, society will more and more be shaped by the computer," Newton concluded. "If we are five to ten years behind already, we'd better begin now trying to catch up, else we will find society shaping Southern Baptists, instead of Christianity shaping society."

McClellan amplified this theme, saying that the computer is reshaping today's society, and that it is the basis of most of the important decisions affecting the world today.

He cited creative ways Baptists could use the computer in the areas of book-keeping, statistics, research, pastoral placement, long-range planning, program evaluation, church-related vocations, program planning, long-range forecasting, assistance to churches, compatibility with other denominations' computers, and the computer center idea. (BP)

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10 YEARS AGO April 3, 1958

Editor C. R. Daley commented on the rash of surveys of SBC agencies and institutions that were being conducted. "It all started several years ago with the Sunday School Board and several of our other agencies and institutions employing professional consultants," the editor said. "Denominational agencies and state conventions without a professional study will soon be as rare and old-fashioned as a grocery store that doesn't give trade stamps."

25 YEARS AGO April 1, 1943

The Foreign Mission Board reported that it paid off all its indebtedness on March 12.

The Executive Board of South District Association adopted a resolution of appreciation for G. R. Pendergraph, who left the pastorate of the Perryville Baptist Church to enter the Army Chaplaincy.

50 YEARS AGO April 4, 1918

M. P. Hunt reported on his continuing efforts to raise money for a Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville. He collected the following amounts from the following churches in Kentucky: First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, \$320; Hodgenville Baptist Church \$2,140; Shepherdsville Baptist Church, \$1,140; and Lebanon Junction Baptist Church, \$100.

Editor J. W. Porter reported that all was ready for the 1918 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas, beginning May 14. Porter thought it might be one of the most crucial meetings of the SBC.

"We are confronted by greater problems than ever before," he said. "These problems are pressing and persistent, and must be solved, and that speedily. The great war has thrust new burdens and obligations upon us. We shall need, as never before, the combined wisdom of our people."

Record Year for Bible Schools Foreseen

Roy Boatwright, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, says 1968 may be a record year for vacation Bible school enrolment in the state.

Boatwright and his office staff have just conducted clinics for vacation Bible school workers in Kentucky. During these clinics leaders set Bible school attendance goals for their respective associations, he explained. If the district associations reach their goals, state-wide attendance should go beyond the record enrolment of 182,218 reported in 1958.

The state Sunday school secretary

pointed out that vacation Bible schools provide churches with opportunities for enlistment and evangelism.

Out of last year's total Bible school enrolment of 140,891 in Kentucky, "there were 37,708 boys and girls who were not enrolled in any Sunday School," Boatwright said. "A good follow-up program would enroll many of these in Sunday School."

A total of 2,268 boys and girls made professions of faith during vacation Bible schools in Kentucky last year, Boatwright said.

"The ten day schools reported an average conversion of 4.4 while the five-day school reported an average of 1.6," the Sunday School secretary pointed out. "This is one good reason why every school should be ten days in length."

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New WMU Manuals Released



Off the press to WMU officers and leaders are seven all-new manuals. They reveal full details of the new WMU organization plan suggested for use beginning October 1. Left to right are the authors, all members of the field services department at WMU headquarters in Birmingham; Margaret Bruce, author of *WMS Leader Manual*; Mary Hines, *Primary Sunbeam Band Leader Manual* and *Beginner Sunbeam Band Leader Manual*; Billie Pate, *WMU Manual*; Marjorie Jones, *Junior GA Leader Manual* and *Intermediate GA Leader Manual*; Betty Bock, *YWA Leader Manual*.

Pastors' Meeting Program Filled With 55 Sermons and Devotionals

A total of 55 sermons, messages and devotionals will be packed into the two-day program of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference when it meets in Houston, Texas, at Sam Houston Memorial Coliseum, June 3-4.

The program for the conference was arranged and released by the president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, Gerald Martin, pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Each of the four sessions of the conference will close with major addresses by five prominent Baptist ministers—Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and R. G. Lee, pastor-emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The opening session will also spotlight a special feature on the Crusade of the Americas, led by W. Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, North American Coordinator for the Crusade of the Americas; and Henry Earl Peacock, missionary to Brazil and coordinator for the

Crusade that encompasses North, Central and South America.

Three messages will be brought by Clark Pinnock, professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the only person on the program to speak more than once.

Music throughout the conference will be led by William Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil who wrote the hymn which is being used as the theme song for the Crusade of the Americas.

There are 106 persons listed on the program for the two-day meeting, including the 50 or more who bring addresses, plus those who make presentations, sing, lead in prayer, etc.

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John 21:15-19

Previous to the beautiful and touching incident recorded in these verses, Simon Peter had been restored to fellowship with Christ. He had sinned grievously in denying his Lord, but he had shed bitter tears over his sin and had made frank and full confession of it, whereupon he had received forgiveness and had been taken back into sweet fellowship with Christ. How wonderful that the blessed Lord had dealt so tenderly and mercifully with the erring disciple and restored him.

When the disciples returned from their fishing trip, they were weary and hungry, so Christ invited them to a delightful breakfast that He had provided and prepared for them. After the meal was finished, Christ again turned His attention to Peter, who frequently held the center of the stage, and began to deal with him. He had been restored to fellowship, but he was in need of restoration to service also.

It is well to remember that on a previous occasion Peter had declared that, regardless of what all others did, he would never forsake the Lord. He thus took the position that his love for Christ was greater than that of the other disciples. In the meantime he had disproved his great claim of love and loyalty. Therefore, Christ put the most pointed question of all to him, saying, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" That personal question must have struck Peter with peculiar force.

After his terrible denials, and the attendant oaths, Peter could not very well stand there in the presence of the other disciples, who knew about his great sins, and claim that he really loved the Lord. Peter replied, "Lord, thou knowest all things," implying, "Thou knowest, what these standing here also know, that I did deny Thee; but Thou knowest something that they do not know, namely, that in spite of my denial I do love Thee." It was a candid admission that he had learned his lesson, and that henceforth

he did not intend to rely upon himself, but upon the Lord.

In this passage of God's Word two different words are translated "love." The first is the verb *agapao*, which means to love deeply and devotedly. This is the kind of love that God has for us. The second is the verb *phileo*, which means to be fond of or to love as a friend. It was as though the Lord Jesus had said, "Simon, do you love me deeply?" And Peter's response was equivalent to saying, "I have an affection for Thee," or "I am a friend of yours." His answer was an admission that he did not love Christ as he should, but he could truthfully say that he had some love in his heart for Him.

Then Christ repeated His question, using the stronger word for "love," and Peter replied by using the weaker word for "love." When the Lord asked the

question the third time, He used Peter's word for "love." This probed Peter's heart to the very depths and he cried out with anguish, "Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee." He meant that he had a genuine affection for Him.

Peter was commissioned to "feed" the lambs and the sheep which belonged to the Lord. He was to care for them as a physician attends his patients, as a sentinel guards the sleeping soldiers, as a leader guides his followers, and as a parent provides for the children. Our blessed Saviour is eager and anxious for us to love Him and to express that love in faithful service for Him.

Christ committed Himself to do the will of the Father regardless of what that might entail and cost, and then commanded those who believe on Him to "follow me." Our response to our risen Lord should be that of willingness and determination to obey this command, even if it should mean martyrdom or death.

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(John 20:19-23)

Filled with fear, the disciples assembled in that upper room, where they had met frequently with Christ, and locked the doors. In view of the fact that their Lord, for Whom they had left their homes and vocations, had been condemned and crucified unjustly, it is not surprising that the disciples were fearful. They knew that those who had treated so shamefully their Lord would not hesitate to treat His followers likewise.

While the disciples were discussing the strange events, the Lord Jesus suddenly entered the room in a mysterious and supernatural way and stood in their midst. It must have been a glorious experience for them when He appeared in their midst at the time when they were so confused and unhappy. In the hush of their silence Christ spoke to them saying, "Peace be unto you."

Having calmed their fears, He proceeded to give them unmistakable evidence of His resurrection from the dead and that He had a body which could be seen and felt. Seeing their questioning faces and knowing how startled the disciples were, Christ showed them His

nail-scarred hands and His spear-pierced side. They must have leaned forward with wonder as they gazed at the nail-prints. They must have shuddered at the sight of the dreadful scar in His side which had been caused by the thrust of the spear. There was no mistake about it. He was the very same Christ Whom they had loved and worshipped.

II. The Doubter Was Convinced

(John 20:24-29)

Thomas was not present at that memorable meeting, when Christ appeared to the disciples on that unforgettable Sunday evening after His resurrection, and "showed unto them his hands and his side." He should have been there, but he was not. Believing that Christ had stood for a lost

cause and that He was dead, Thomas had lost hope. He was not present because he did not expect Christ to be there. Doubtless he would have been present had he known the Lord would be there. Because of his absence Thomas missed the privilege of seeing Christ, the thrill of a great joy, the gift of peace, the commission to a great service, and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

When the other apostles sought out Thomas and informed him that they had seen Christ, Who had arisen from the dead, he refused to believe their testimony and demanded convincing personal evidence in the form of ocular proof saying: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger in'o the print of the nails, and

thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

On the next Lord's Day Thomas was present with the other apostles. Christ appeared to them and reminded Thomas of his statement that he would not believe without positive proof, so He offered to permit him to inspect His wounds. When he did so, Thomas was convinced and immediately gave utterance to the brief but full and great confession, "My Lord and my God!"

Although he had previously shown the strongest tendency to doubt and unbelief, with one leap Thomas came to the place of the very highest faith.

III. Believing On Christ Brings

Eternal Life (John 20:30-31)

In writing the story of Christ's earthly life, John included an account of various miracles which He performed in order to prove beyond doubt that Christ was and is the Son of God. His gospel was written for the express purpose of revealing the deity of Christ.

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So to the strains of the traditional Wedding March, Larry F. Hand and Judith Badger proceeded down the aisle. Clemens then delivered his address on marriage, altering it slightly to take the form of a charge to the bridal couple.

SIZEMORE TO JOIN MIDWESTERN

Burlan A. Sizemore, Jr., professor of Bible at Georgetown College, recently was elected associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, by trustees of that seminary. He is a graduate of Southern Seminary at Louisville.



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Thacker Accepts Pastorate in Louisville

Thomas A. Thacker, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Murray for the past 10 years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Midlane Park Baptist Church in Louisville, effective April 22.

While in Murray, Thacker served as chairman of the trustees of Jonathan Creek Baptist Assembly, pastor - advisor of the BSU at Murray State Uni-

versity, and chairman of evangelism for Blood River Association. During his pastorate at the Memorial church, total membership and gifts to the church doubled.

At the Louisville church he succeeds Doyle Wetherington, who resigned last year to go to the First Baptist Church of Venice, Florida. B. B. Hilburn, re-

tired chaplain of Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, has been serving as interim pastor at Midlane Park.

Thacker is married to the former Caroline Jones, a native Kentuckian who has been active in state-wide WMU work.



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